Bathing facilities for political prisoners.

* 224 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many baths are given to political prisoners in a week;

(*b*) whether they are supplied with hot water to bathe or whether they are allowed only cold water baths;

(*c*) how many baths are allowed for other prisoners in a week; and

(*d*) whether they are supplied with soap or soapnut for their bath?

A.—(*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) The hon. Member is referred to rules 269 and 592 of the Madras Jail Manual. There is no provision for the supply of hot water to prisoners for bathing purposes. All prisoners are treated alike.

(*d*) 'A' and 'B' class prisoners are supplied with soap and all female prisoners are supplied with soapnut.

Irrigation

Rules regulating the distribution of water from the Mettur Reservoir.

* 225 *Q.*—Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether draft rules for the distribution of water from Mettur reservoir have been submitted to the Government;

(*b*) if so, whether the Government have considered the same and at what stage they are;

(*c*) whether any opportunity will be given to all parties interested in the Cauvery Delta Irrigation system to place their points of view before the Government;

(*d*) whether a copy of the draft rules will be published for public information and whether a copy of the same will be placed on the table of the House; and

(*e*) when the Government propose to pass final orders in respect of the said rules?

A.—(*a*) Rules have been in force since June 1933.

(*b*) The proposals of the Chief Engineer for Irrigation for the revision of the rules in the light of the experience gained this year have just been received.

(*c*) & (*d*) The draft rules will be published before they are brought into force.

(*e*) In March 1934.

Progress of the High Level Channel Scheme.

* 226 *Q.*—Mr. K. SINGAM AYYANGAR: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the total extent of excavation work done till now as per estimate and excavation work yet to be done, if any, in the High Level Channel Scheme in Trichinopoly taluk;